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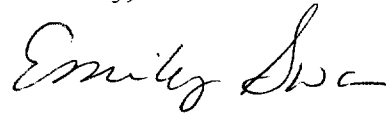
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

I am writing to support permanent mandatory labeling of irradiated foods with a disclosure statement and the radura symbol. I believe such labeling is essential to protect consumers' right to know what food they are buying and should not be eliminated, reduced in size, or moved to a less conspicuous part of the food packaging.

I also feel that changing the terminology to "cold pasteurization" or other names would be misleading to consumers what have become familiar with irradiation labeling in place since 1986. In addition, including an expiration date for labeling irradiated foods would essentially eliminate consumers' right to choose the type of products they purchase. Please take all necessary measures to ensure prominent and permanent labeling if all irradiated foods.

Sincerely,



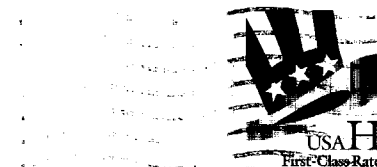
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